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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Matthew B. Smithers	2137	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 March 2005.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. 5,923,884 granted to Peyret et al.

Regarding claim 1, Peyret meets the claimed limitations as follows:
“A method for securely loading an application onto an IC card, comprising:
a first step of determining, based at least upon an encrypted personalization data block, that an said IC card is qualified to accept loading of an said application; and

a second step of loading the application onto the IC card after the first step." see column 7, lines 43-67 and figures 2, 3, and 4.

Regarding claim 2, Peyret meets the claimed limitations as follows:
"A method for securely deleting an application from an IC card, comprising:

a first step of determining, based at least upon an encrypted personalization data block, that an said IC card is qualified to accept deleting of an said application; and

a second step of deleting the application from the IC card after the first step." see column 7, lines 43-67 and figures 2, 3, and 4.

Regarding claim 3, Peyret meets the claimed limitations as follows:
"A method for securely loading an application onto an IC card, comprising:

a first step of determining, based at least upon an encrypted personalization data block, whether ate said IC card is qualified to accept loading of an said application; and

a second step of loading the application onto the IC card only if the first, step determines that the 1C card is qualified to accept the loading of the application." see column 7, lines 43-67 and figures 2, 3, and 4.

Regarding claim 4, Peyret meets the claimed limitations as follows:
"A method for securely deleting an application from an IC card, comprising:

a first step of determining, based at least upon an encrypted personalization data block, whether an said IC card is qualified to accept deleting of an said application; and

a second step of deleting the application from the IC card only if the first step determines that the IC card is qualified to accept the deleting of the application." see column 7, lines 43-67 and figures 2, 3, and 4.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

A. Kawan et al (US 5,844,218) discloses a method and system for programming a smart card to use a variety of applications.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew B. Smithers whose telephone number is (571) 272-3876. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00-4:30) EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew T. Caldwell can be reached on (571) 272-3868. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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